

1-1 By: Lewis (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 1875
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 16, 2013, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	West	X		
1-9	Rodriguez	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Carona	X		
1-12	Garcia	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Paxton	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a case transferred from one district court to another
1-18 district court.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 24.003, Government Code, is amended by
1-21 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (b) Unless provided otherwise by the local rules of
1-24 administration, a district judge in the county may:

1-25 (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-1), transfer
1-26 any civil or criminal case or proceeding on the court's docket,
1-27 other than a case governed by Chapter 155, Family Code, to the
1-28 docket of another district court in the county;

1-29 (2) hear and determine any case or proceeding pending
1-30 in another district court in the county without having the case
1-31 transferred;

1-32 (3) sit for another district court in the county and
1-33 hear and determine any case or proceeding pending in that court;

1-34 (4) temporarily exchange benches with the judge of
1-35 another district court in the county;

1-36 (5) try different cases in the same court at the same
1-37 time; and

1-38 (6) occupy the judge's own courtroom or the courtroom
1-39 of another district court in the county.

1-40 (b-1) Notwithstanding the local rules of administration, a
1-41 district judge may not transfer any civil or criminal case or
1-42 proceeding to the docket of another district court without the
1-43 consent of the judge of the court to which it is transferred.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to the transfer of a case
1-45 or proceeding to the docket of another district court that occurs on
1-46 or after the effective date of this Act. The transfer of a case or
1-47 proceeding that occurs before the effective date of this Act is
1-48 governed by the law in effect on the date the case or proceeding is
1-49 transferred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-50 purpose.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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